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WILLIE TALKS

He's one of the quiet men of Sydney soccer; you'd hardly guess that not so long ago he was starring for Celtic Glasgow and, seven times between 1965 and 1969, for Scotland, too.

Willie Wallace, now the Leichhardt supremo, is patiently building his team but, he says, it may take another year or so.

Is he happy with his present squad — or are there some changes contemplated — see PAGE 4.

PSL LOW- DOWN

While The Socceroos are about to face the Kiwis on Saturday, a shortened version of a PSL round — with four matches — will still go ahead.

Our preview is on PAGE 3, our short-items on PAGE 4, our weekend guide on PAGE 5 and then, as usual, our exclusive and graphic match reports of last week on PAGES 6-7.

RESULTS

If it's results, scores and tables you are interested in, we've got them all.

All about the NSW Federation and the Youth League (PAGE 10) and our extensive weekly survey of the State League clubs (PAGE 8) who talk about possible expansion into country areas.

Plus, of course, a full coverage of the State League and lower divisions.

WORLD CUP

What's our record against New Zealand in World Cup and other internationals?

Anyway, what's our World Cup record since 1965?

And, finally, who are the players who have worn the Socceroo jersey under Rudi Gutendorf's regime?

It's all on PAGE 12.

'ROOS CAN WIN IN AUCKLAND



On Saturday, in Auckland, Australia will begin its fifth World Cup campaign, surrounded by the usual amount of controversy.

It has been a far from easy period since the quiet, almost gentle dismissal of Jimmy Shoulder and the arrival of the tempestuous Rudi Gutendorf.

Wisely or not, the ASF has put most of its eggs in the World Cup basket: now our immediate soccer future, economic viability and prestige are at stake.

So the Auckland game carries an extra burden; a possible defeat, let alone a real fiasco would echo through our soccer land.

Still, it's hard to accept the over-dramatised view of some that the Auckland match on Saturday is "critical."

It is terribly important if we can win it—but only moderately so if we lose.

After all, it is only the first of a series of eight elimination games and a loss away from home in the first match should not fatally wound Australia's chances of reaching the second round.

Arguments that New Zealand has become a major soccer power can be taken with a grain of salt.

Just because we have had our problems, we tend to see the affairs of all others as something approaching perfection.

Despite everything that has been written, said or done, Australia is still ahead of New Zealand in soccer and the Auckland match may well prove this.

Frankly, it matters surprisingly little what team Gutendorf will send on the field.

We have no truly outstanding players who would pick themselves: there is no Watkiss, Warren, Baartz, Ackerley, Schaefer or Abonyi.

What does matter is that the players who will represent Australia be fit and ready to fight through the 90 minutes. And that we can expect from them.

In recent weeks Gutendorf appears to have departed from his earlier concept which had no room for true midfield players.

He has pushed the powerful, aggressive Davidson forward from the defensive line and co-opted Billy Rogers, perhaps the most dynamic, active midfielder in the country at present.



Rudi Gutendorf in a victorious mood — will he be the same on Saturday?

PSL ROUND CUT IN HALF

Only four Philips League games will be played this week.

Two have been disposed of already, having been brought forward while two others, involving Socceroo-rich clubs Sydney City and South Melbourne, have been postponed.

Both Sydney City and South Melbourne made a formal request for deferment.

Sydney City have Barnes, Boden and Kosmina in the squad while South Melbourne would be without Blair, Davidson and Rogers.

At this stage, the matches have not yet been rescheduled.

ROMAN REFEREE

The referee of the New Zealand v Australia World Cup match on Saturday will be Gianfranco Menegali, a Roman insurance broker.

Perhaps we should take out a policy with him...

FA CUP MAY 9

Tottenham Hotspur and Manchester City will play in the FA Cup final at Wembley on May 9.

Tottenham, after a dramatic drawn game against Wolves, won the replayed semifinal 3-0.

Earlier, Manchester City beat Ipswich in the other semifinal 1-0.



Mark Jankovics (left) in action against Heidelberg; he could be in the team against New Zealand.



Socceroo internationals celebrate a goal against Northern Ireland.

It will be largely up to this pair to dictate the pace of the game and to keep the Socceroos on the attack.

Gutendorf has been unlucky with injuries: Tansey, Cole, Boden, Sharne, Giampaolo, Paton, Valeri and even Rogers have had problems and it's hard to tell who will be 100 percent fit to play in Auckland.

So what's the likely team?

Alan Maher is certain to be in goal though in Woodhouse we have another goalkeeper of class; his time will come in the next few years.

In the back four Steve Perry, Tony Henderson, Steve Blair and, through the fitness problem of Tansey, John Yzendoorn is the likely choice.

Murray Barnes should be the third midfielder and, at his best could play a vital part in the match.

It's in the attack where most uncertainties exist.

Cole is out, so is Valeri and perhaps even Boden. That leaves Gutendorf with Sharne, Krncevic, Jankovics, Kosmina and Giampaolo.

Even a few months ago it would have been tempting to use the Marconi trio but their form has been rather poor, so Kosmina and Giampaolo come into calculations.

Gutendorf is known to have a soft spot for Krncevic whom he has been nurturing for more than two years.

If Sharne is fit, he will play and, we feel, will be partnered by Krncevic and the energetic, sharp-shooting Kosmina.

A win in Auckland would represent a very major step towards Spain.

However, should things go wrong, there will be ample opportunities later to make amends.

It is the home matches that Australia must win first of all.

Let us remember that in 1969 it was our inability to beat Israel in Sydney and in 1977 our home defeats against Iran and Kuwait that put paid to our hopes.

Saturday's match will be televised by the ABC throughout Australia and is certain to be watched by a huge number of people.

Let us wish the Socceroos every success in Auckland!

MARADONA CRIED ALL THE WAY TO BANK

BRIEFLY...

If you like tales of rags-to-riches, you won't find many better than the story of Diego Maradona, the fifth of eight children in a mill-worker's household who's now a millionaire at the age of 20, after less than five years in professional football.

Maradona's move from Argentinos Juniors to Boca Juniors on a year's loan for an incredible \$4 million has hit the headlines all over the world.

And if Boca want to retain Diego after next year's World Cup Finals in Spain they must fork out another \$4 million, establishing in the process a new world record transfer involving six players and \$8 million in cash.

Add up all the other close season signings in Argentina, and they barely reach half the value placed on 20-year-old Maradona.

Add up all the newspaper headlines, and they dwarf all the important political events of recent months.

Think of the Argentinos Juniors fans who tried to burn down the stadium when they discovered he was leaving.

Imagine the atmosphere as a capacity 70,000 crowd packed into Boca's Bombonera stadium to see him score twice on his league debut against Talleres.

And try to imagine the scenes outside, as 20,000 were locked out.

And, perhaps most important of all, think of Diego Maradona.

HUMBLE

For just five years ago, all this would have been totally unthinkable for the stocky 15-year-old playing in the youth teams at Argentinos and who'd lived his childhood in the humble surroundings of Villa Fiorito — a corrugated-iron suburb of Buenos Aires.

In just four-and-a-half years, he's gone from a fee of a few hundred pesos per game to an annual contract that guarantees him \$670,000 basic pay; plus bonuses (\$600 per point if Boca are in the top two); plus 25 per cent of takings in exhibition matches.

All tax free. Plus lucrative contracts with Puma, with Coca Cola and with an Argentine airline.

The club's new president, Martin Noel, justifies the controversial spending of money they haven't got by explaining:

"Boca's economic salvation lies simply in being able to fill our stadium every week. With Maradona in our line-up we'll be able to do this, so our income will increase significantly and justify our high level of investment."

Diego signed the papers, pocketed his \$332,000 share of the deal, and said goodbye

to Argentinos in an emotion-filled exhibition match when he played the first half in his old red shirt before donning Boca's blue and gold for the second half.

"I felt something tear, deep inside me," admitted Diego, "when I pulled off my Argentinos shirt for the last time. A thousand memories just flooded into my mind, and I couldn't help crying."

"After all, I'd been with the club since I was ten. I'm going to keep that Argentinos shirt to pass on to my children..."

Boca manager Silvio Marzolini went on record as saying:

"I feel as though I've won the pools. Yet I can't sleep at night."

"I know that if I fail to win titles with people like, Diego, Brindisi and Trobbiani in my side, I'll just have to retire from football. If I can't work with this team, I'll never do any good anywhere."

And Argentina's national team manager, Cesar Luis Menotti had warned:

PRESSURE

"This will make Diego grow up. At Argentinos, finishing fourth in the table was a triumph."

"Now he'll have to learn to cope with all the pressures of being expected to win the League."

"You could say that his career is beginning now, just as Pele's career started in '59 when Santos began their international tours."

"And I can't help thinking about Rene Houseman — he was getting just the same sort of publicity as Maradona back in 1973. And in 1974 Houseman started to go downhill."

"Maradona is at the crossroads, and he must decide if he's going to try and be a truly great player or simply remain a very good player..."

Days later, Diego stepped out on to the pitch for his debut.

"I don't know whether my legs were trembling or whether there was an earth tremor! I was as nervous as when I made my first team debut for Argentinos in '76."

"What's more, I pulled a muscle in training, and I had to have an injection before the match. I felt OK once I'd touched the ball, and I didn't do too badly..."

In fact, Diego scored twice from the penalty spot in Boca's 4-1 win, and set up the other two goals for Brindisi.

And the Boca treasurer was gleefully claiming that the club's investment looked like paying off — so much so that Boca hurriedly took out an insurance policy guaranteeing the club \$6 million if Maradona suffers any permanent disability and \$2,400 per week if he sustains any serious injury.



At 20, Diego Maradona is a millionaire. His old club Argentinos Juniors have cashed in on Maradona and are modernising their stadium thanks to his supreme talents.

Boca Juniors are pinning their hopes on him to drag the club out of its deep crisis.

Menotti is counting on him to lead Argentina to a repeat World Cup triumph next year.

And Barcelona are still determined to snatch him from Boca at any price after the World Cup Finals.

In the comparative calm at the centre of this hurricane stand the supreme talents of the

world's first \$8,000,000 footballer.

His friend and agent Jorge Cyterszpiler insists: "I handle all Diego's business interest, just as I handled all the negotiations between Argentinos and Boca. Diego's job is just to play football."

Let's hope that he'll continue to do just that.



HUNGARY'S TRIUMPH

An Argentinian cartoonists' view of Maradona's value.

Hungary has scored a surprise 3-0 win over Spain in Valencia — just the tonic they need before their World Cup match against Switzerland in Luzern on April 29.

A week earlier, in Bruges, Hungary played another friendly beating FC Bruges 1-0.

Hungary's manager Karoly Meszoly has recalled three of his experienced internationals, Fazekas, Muller and Galint, all of whom now play for Belgian clubs.

They are likely to play

against the Swiss again in a week's time.

As a matter of interest — in view of the recent controversy about Australia's preparations — this is the Swiss timetable for their vital World Cup match:

The April 26 championship round will be played two days earlier, on April 24.

The Swiss squad will meet on Sunday, April 26, in Luzern — and play the following Wednesday...



CHANNEL 0 AND CHANNEL 28 MULTICULTURAL TELEVISION



• Dortmund's well known coach Udo Lattek, formerly the Bayern Munchen supremo, last week lost his son, Dirk, aged 15.

• The Austrian Jara, who is playing in West Germany: "I honestly don't mind if Beckenbauer and Breitner don't play against us in Hamburg. But I cannot understand how the Germans can be so stupid as to overlook, for years, their best two players."

• Arsenal's trainer Don Howe is restless and would like to take a managerial post. But Arsenal want to keep him. As a sort of "encouragement," they told him that he was the best trainer in the country — but a terrible manager. And Howe agrees...

• Welsh star Yorath, now with the Vancouver Whitecaps, will try to make himself available for the World Cup match against the USSR at Wrexham on April 30.

• Vahid Halilhodzic who toured Australia with Velez Mostar, has signed for the French club FC Nantes.

• Dettmar Cramer, having returned from his three-year lucrative self-exile in Saudi Arabia to Germany, is in demand: the Dutch Ajax and Vienna's FK Austria-Wien have both offered him a contract.

• Another Bulgarian star has gone to Western Europe: Sofia Slavia's Andrej Zeljazkov, 28, has signed for the Dutch Feyenoord but will be available for all his country's World Cup matches.

• In a training match, Hungary defeated Austria Wien 2-1 in Budapest.

• Menotti has announced the new Argentinian squad of 18 players. Five new names are on the list, none of whom played in the Mundialito in January: Santamaria, Oviedo, Brailovsky, Heredia and Olarticoechea. From time to time he will invite into his training camps some of the most promising juniors, too.

• Bayern Munchen are looking for a new stopper for next season and the man of their choice could be Renquin, of the Belgian Standard Liege.

• Waldemar Victorino shot Uruguay to a win in the January Mundialito, then scored the winner against Nottingham Forest in Tokyo in the Intercontinental Cup final. Larry Lloyd's (retired since January) opinion of Victorino: "Rubbish..." Well, well, well...

• From the start of the 1981-82 season, the West German Association will cut down the number of second division teams from 42 to 20. Only those clubs will be accepted which are clear of debts and own their own floodlit stadium with a minimum capacity of 15,000. The clubs have asked for a three-year postponement of the plan.

• Dynamo Berlin's new president is Zapf who, until recently, played in the East German team.

• The English FA is seeking a sponsor for the League Cup series.

• Barcelona's coach, Helenio Herrera, 65, wants to retire — and he has recommended the Italian Giacinto Facchetti as his successor.

• England's 2-1 loss to Spain last week at Wembley was their first defeat against the Spanish in nine matches since 1960 when they went down 3-0 in Madrid.

• Up to the end of the transfer deadline (March 11) 234 players were transferred in the English League — for a total of \$65 million or an average of \$360,000...

• Hamburg manager Netzer to his FC Koln counterpart and former international colleague Lohr: "If Rinus Michels doesn't want to coach your team next season, let me know. If our star Magath wants to move, I'll let you know."

Canberra reach for the top

Adelaide, Canberra and Melbourne will be without Philips League matches this weekend, due to postponed games.

So, as they say in that popular ABC TV show — good gardening...

Actually, Canberra will be involved on Sunday, when they visit Brisbane Lions' den.

In their present mood they might be just the team to pierce the armor of the tough Lions' defence.

Walter Valeri may be fit to resume but, even in his enforced absence, the brilliant new partnership of Brennan and Gibson, superbly supported by Farrell,

McLaren and Purdie, could do the trick.

Canberra are rapidly becoming the classiest outfit in the PSL and, provided they can keep up the momentum, should be the most serious candidates for the title.

Imagine their power once Cole and Wilson rejoin the fold...

The Lions seldom let their hair down: they play cautiously, a sort of percentage soccer.

Against most others it might be enough but not here, perhaps.

Our tip: Canberra 2-1. The only Sydney match should be a scintillating affair.

Leichhardt-APIA, after their shock Melbourne defeat, will not have it much easier against Adelaide City which have hit a purple patch.

Leichhardt will be without Woodhouse and Giampaolo, an enormous handicap while Adcity will be intact, so smoothly led by the indestructible John Perin.

Sydney fans will have a chance to see the exciting young talents of Mitchell and Villani in action, as well as the goal-hungry Johnny Nyskohus.

Many Adelaide fans believe that at least one or two of the Giants stars should be now in Auckland with the Soccerroos; Sunday's game may bear them out.

Our tip: Adelaide City 2-0.

Wollongong must be "relieved": after five straight draws at long last they have lost their unbeaten record and, with that, a heavy burden on their shoulders.

On Sunday they will have a tough game against Preston.

The Wolves will be without Campbell and Turner, now with the Kiwi team and this could prove quite a handicap.

Preston, when in form, are a talented and clever team.

Whittle may make his debut for them at Wollongong, adding further power and class to an already potent striking force represented by Cullen and Brown.

PHILIPS LEAGUE 1981

	AGGREGATE								HOME								AWAY							
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2 CANBERRA	9	5	3	1	14	4	+10	13	5	3	1	1	10	3	7		4	2	2	—	4	1	6	
3 SYDNEY CITY	9	4	3	2	12	7	+5	11	5	3	2	—	9	2	8		4	1	1	2	3	5	3	
3 WOLLONGONG	9	3	5	1	12	7	+5	11	4	2	2	—	7	4	6		5	1	3	1	5	3	5	
5 BRISBANE CITY	9	4	3	2	11	7	+4	11	5	4	1	—	9	2	9		4	—	2	2	2	5	2	
6 MARCONI	10	5	1	4	9	13	—4	11	5	3	1	1	6	4	7		5	2	—	3	3	9	4	
7 ADELAIDE CITY	9	4	2	3	17	11	+6	10	5	3	—	2	10	6	6		4	1	2	1	7	5	4	
8 NEWCASTLE	9	4	2	3	13	10	+3	10	4	2	2	—	9	2	6		5	2	—	3	4	8	4	
9 LEICHHARDT	9	3	4	2	11	11	—	10	4	1	3	—	5	4	5		5	2	1	2	6	7	5	
10 PRESTON	9	4	—	5	15	15	—	8	5	3	—	2	11	6	6		4	1	—	3	4	9	2	
11 BRISBANE LIONS	9	2	4	3	9	10	—1	8	4	2	1	1	4	3	5		5	—	3	2	5	7	3	
12 OLYMPIC	10	3	2	5	15	18	—3	8	5	3	2	—	12	6	8		5	—	5	3	12	—	—	
13 BLACKTOWN	9	1	4	4	11	18	—7	6	4	—	2	2	5	10	2		5	1	2	2	6	8	4	
14 HEIDELBERG	10	2	2	6	11	18	—7	6	5	2	1	2	6	7	5		5	—	1	4	5	11	1	
15 WEST ADELAIDE	9	2	1	6	7	11	—4	5	4	1	1	2	3	3	3		5	1	—	4	4	5	2	
16 FOOTSCRAY	10	2	1	7	7	21	—14	5	5	2	1	2	6	6	5		5	—	5	1	15	—	—	

And watch "Big O," Peter Ollerton, playing better than ever, having come out of his temporary obscurity — to lead the PSL goal parade.

Our tip: 1-1. Having crashed to a heavy defeat last week, Newcastle face yet another tough proposition in the mobile Brisbane City.

The Newcastle defence may be reconstructed for this game, having been far too "generous" in Adelaide.

Brisbane City are having a tremendous season with Hamilton and Wilkinson regularly among the goals.

The dazzling skills of Willie Conner and a solid midfield give coach George Potter plenty to smile about.

We feel the in-form visitors may cause something of a surprise.

Our tip: Brisbane City 2-1.



Peter Sharne (left) getting a pat on the back from Eddie Krncevic after one of his goals last Sunday.



Brian Northcote, Adel. City



TOP PSL SCORERS

- 6: BODEN (Syd. City)
- OLLERTON (Preston)
- 4: EVANS (Sth. Melb.)
- J. NYSKOHUS (Adcity)
- MITCHELL (Adcity)
- O'CONNOR (Leichhardt)
- SHARNE (Marconi)
- VALERI (Canberra)
- GIBSON (Canberra)

FOR EARLY RISERS...


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TEAM OF ROUND 9

RUSSELL (Adcity)	BENNETT (Lions)	OLVER (Heidelberg)	DE GRAAF (Wollongong)	DAVIDSON (Sth. Melbourne)
STEVENSON (Sth. Melb.)	FARRELL (Canberra)	J. NYSKOHUS (Adcity)		
SHARNE (Marconi)	OLLERTON (Preston)	JENNINGS (Olympic)		

THIS WAS THE WEEK THAT WAS

- George Potter, Brisbane City: "Blacktown are hard to play. They are well organised and challenge for every ball. I was very happy with Joe Palinkas who fought well after his return to the side."
- Cedo Cirkovic, Footscray: "Canberra was far too good for us. We are certainly not a good enough team."
- Canberra's George Murray: "We had an excellent second half but I wasn't happy with the first period when we were sloppy and missed many chances."
- Rale Rasic, Blacktown: "I'm shattered, losing this game"
- Ivo Prskalo refused to sit on the reserve bench last Sunday and, instead, went home. Some friends now believe his days with Marconi are over and he may even return to Yugoslavia.
- That much for the reliable "injury reports" of last week: both Sharne and Cole played well last Sunday, after having been "ruled out by the press."

• John Margaritis, South Melbourne: "We lifted our game in the second half. Stevenson was brilliant."

• Alan Vest, Newcastle: "The defenders didn't follow the pre-match instructions. The better team won deservedly."

• Bob D'Ottavi, Adelaide City: "Nine goals in the last two matches makes us extremely happy. The win was even more valuable as we played without Dods, in New Zealand and Jones, suspended."

• Adelaide City's John Besir is likely to be out for the rest of the season following a bad hamstring injury.

• Ken Morton, Wollongong: "We played well in an excellent game. If we had scored in the first half, it would have been a different story."



Margaritis



	ADELAIDE GIANTS	ADELAIDE HAWKS	BLACKTOWN DEMONS	BRISBANE GLADIATORS	BRISBANE LIONS	CANBERRA ARROWS	FOOTSCRAY EAGLES	HEIDELBERG WARRIORS	LEICHHARDT STRIKERS	MARCONI LEOPARDS	MELBOURNE GUNNERS	NEWCASTLE KB	PRESTON RAMS	SYDNEY OLYMPIANS	SYDNEY SLICKERS	WOLLONGONG WOLVES
ADELAIDE GIANTS	*				3-2			3-1		0-1		4-1			0-1	
ADELAIDE HAWKS		*	2-0						1-2			0-1				0-0
BLACKTOWN DEMONS	1-5		*		2-2				0-1		2-2					
BRISBANE GLADIATORS		2-1		*		0-0	2-0							3-0		
BRISBANE LIONS				1-0	*							0-1	2-1			1-1
CANBERRA ARROWS	0-0	1-2				*	5-0							2-1	2-0	
FOOTSCRAY EAGLES	1-1						*		2-1	1-2	1-2				1-0	
HEIDELBERG WARRIORS				2-0		1-1		*					2-3	1-0		0-3
LEICHHARDT STRIKERS					0-0			2-2	*		1-1	2-1				
MARCONI LEOPARDS		1-0		1-1		0-2		3-1		*			1-0			
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NEWCASTLE KB			1-1				3-0					*	4-0			1-1
PRESTON RAMS			2-3			0-1	3-0		3-1				*	3-1		
SYDNEY OLYMPIANS	3-1	3-1								2-0	2-2			*	2-2	
SYDNEY SLICKERS		1-0		1-1	1-1			1-0		5-0					*	
WOLLONGONG WOLVES			1-1				2-1		1-1					3-1		*

WALLACE TAKES HIS TIME

—The Leichhardt-APIA team has been improving steadily since 1980; are you happy with the progress?

—Oh yes, even with our young players like Pullen, Skellern, Woodhouse and others. It takes a club at least two or three years just to consolidate again. APIA were one of the forerunners of soccer in Australia, then went down to a very low ebb. To get them back near the top so that they can stay there will take time. It was the same with Dundee: it took us three years to get promotion.

—Have you any young players coming through?

—We have. There is Watts who can deputise for Pullen and another defender, Casacchio. I have no fear about our youth policy.

—You have signed six new players for this season; isn't that too many?

—It's only five, really, as Morsello was here for part of last year. We have a squad of 16 players now and any one of them can play. I'm trying to blend the players into the team according to their style. It's not that you try to squeeze them into a rigid, pre-determined system.

—Your whole midfield — Hughes, Leyden and Kafka — is new; how do they shape up?

—Hughes missed five weeks with an injury but he'll be OK. Kafka is a very skilful player though not very aggressive, so Leyden has to do a lot of running for him.

—Leyden is not exactly the favorite of the supporters and, frankly, he has been playing poorly

Leichhardt — or as their fans still chant and as the colorful banners around the ground prove, APIA — are inching their way back to the top. It's certain to be a long haul. Having missed the first two years of the PSL, the club had to start from scratch in 1979. Now, at last, there are signs that the team is developing the old "APIA-style", an exciting, whirlwind football. Leichhardt coach Willie Wallace has the right pedigree to steer them back to the top: a former Celtic and Scotland international, then APIA player, he spent a few seasons as coach of Dundee before his return to Sydney. We talked to him last week.

Does he fit into your scheme of things?

—Whether he'll be there at the end of the season I don't know. There is still one, possibly two positions in the team where we can strengthen ourselves. What we need is a Billy Rogers in the midfield. And we need possibly a left fullback. McAusland is doing a fair job for me and I have no grievance with the boy but if you want to go to the top you want top players.

—Isn't it a big disadvantage for Kafkas to be able to use only his left foot?

—I played with one of the best left halves in the world, Jim Baxter. He could have left his right foot in the dressing room. But he was still a masterful player. Kafka is still finding his feet in PSL. In July, perhaps, August, you'll see a different Kafka, when we really start to play as a unit.

—Terry Butler is ready to try out again, after a six-month rest with his groin injury. Could you find a place for him?



—Easily. It would be tremendous. I'm hoping that Terry can come back to his best but to be honest he's been out a long time.

—You have two players with an Italian background, Giampaolo and Morsello. They can be the darlings of the Italian

fans. What do you think of them as players?

—Both are very skilful. I don't think we've seen the best of either of them. One is 20, the other is 21... Then, in the under 19 team, we have seven youngsters of Italian descent. Mind you, I don't care who's Italian and who is not, I count them as Australians. At least two or three of them will be tremendous players in the future. We're an Italian run club but it's never been the policy to employ Italian players only. They can be

in the dying minutes. We gave away two goals through basic errors."

• Jovan Djordjevic may be out of action for a couple of weeks with a hamstring muscle injury, much to the chagrin of Blacktown coach Rale Rasic.

• Billy Birch, Westad: "I am worried about the team and my job, too. This was the first time this year that we were outclassed. I think we were dreadful."

• A West Adelaide official: "It seems that without the good Boyle and McGachey, we just can't play. Wright was disappointing, he felt the heat too much."

• Tommy Docherty, on using Katholos despite his unsolicited pledge to Gutendorf: "I didn't field him — I only brought him on later, when I had to."

• Rudi Gutendorf on the Katholos incident: "I don't want to comment."

• Jimmy Rooney, Heidelberg: "Marconi were surprisingly mobile and we couldn't contain them. At 1-2 I thought we might have a chance for a point."

• Raul Blanco, Marconi: "The midfield supplied the right type of service and our attack functioned brilliantly, as it should."

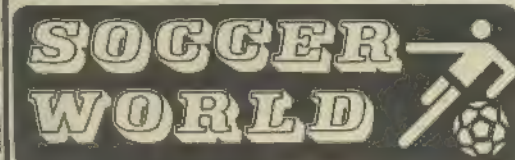
RUMANIANS AT NIGHT...

Denmark scored a surprise 1-0 win over Rumania in Copenhagen in a friendly international.

The match — at Rumanian request — was played under floodlights, so that the players can get used to it.

In Rumania, because of energy conservation laws, they cannot play night matches at all.

Now the Rumanians, who will soon face England and Hungary in floodlit matches, are forced to travel far and wide in search of night opportunities...



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Curran

NEWCASTLE KB RAIDERS

Likely squad: 1. Dando, 2. Reaney, 4. Senkalski, 5. Bertogna, 6. Drinkwater, 7. Sumner, 8. Mountford, 9. Jones, 10. Heys, 11. Buckley, 12. Mason, 13. Burrows, 14. Sheddon, 15. Curran, 16. Kamasz, 17. McClelland, 20. Gosling. Coach: A. Vest.

Sunday, 2.30pm
International Sports Centre

Next week: Sydney City v Newcastle

PAST RESULTS:

1978: Newcastle v Brisbane City 2-3
1979: Newcastle v Brisbane City 4-1
1980: Newcastle v Brisbane City 1-1

BRISBANE GLADIATORS

Likely squad: 1. Wishart, 2. Dunne, 3. Ratcliffe, 4. Tokesi, 5. Perry, 6. Gaffney, 7. Palinkas, 8. Pimblatt, 9. Conner, 10. Low, 11. Caldwell, 14. Hamilton, 15. P. Wilkinson, 16. McVeigh, 17. B. Wilkinson, 20. Coe. Coach: G. Potter.

REFEREE: A. Boskovic
Linesmen: R. Davies
R. Bay

Next week: Brisbane City v Leichhardt



Low



Soper

LEICHHARDT STRIKERS

Likely squad: 1. Woodhouse, 2. Skellern, 3. McAusland, 4. Pullen, 5. Wilson, 6. Coyne, 7. Soper, 8. Pirie, 9. Giampaolo, 10. Kafka, 11. O'Connor, 12. Harding, 13. Bradley, 14. Leyden, 15. McKie, 16. Morsello, 18. Gray, 20. Parks. Coach: W. Wallace.

Sunday, 3pm
Lambert Park

Next week: Brisbane City v Leichhardt

PAST RESULTS:

1979: Leichhardt v Adelaide City 1-1
1980: Leichhardt v Adelaide City 2-1

ADELAIDE GIANTS

Likely squad: 1. Marshall, 2. Russell, 3. B. Nyskohus, 4. Besir, 5. Jones, 6. Dods, 8. Perin, 9. Marocchi, 10. J. Nyskohus, 11. Mitchell, 12. Northcote, 13. Mehta, 14. Miller, 16. Villani, 17. Signore, 22. Peressin. Coach: B. D'Ottavi.

REFEREE: J. Reeves
Linesmen: K. Small
T. Williams

Next week: Adelaide City v Wollongong



Marocchi



Willis

WOLLONGONG WOLVES

Likely squad: 1. Preston, 2. Willis, 4. Dunleavy, 5. Ainsworth, 6. Adam, 7. Smith, 8. Fleming, 9. Campbell, 10. Lathan, 11. Morlando, 12. Vliestra, 13. McBreen, 14. Turner, 15. De Graaf, 16. Tredinnick, 17. Harrison, 18. Morton, 19. Fontana. Coach: K. Morton.

Sunday, 3pm
Wollongong Showground

Next week: Adelaide City v Wollongong

PAST RESULTS:

Wollongong and Preston meeting for the first time.

PRESTON RAMS

Likely squad: 1. Kastner, 2. Rainey, 3. Beech, 4. Ollerton, 5. Higham, 6. Faulkner, 7. Cullen, 8. Flavell, 9. McMillan, 10. Petrovski, 11. Ward, 12. Brown, 13. Lucchesi, 14. Little, 15. Stolkos, 20. Clayton. Coach: B. Edgeley.

REFEREE: D. Rennie
Linesmen: K. Tooke
M. Loupis

Next week: Preston v Sth. Melbourne



Rainey



Ontong

BRISBANE LIONS

Likely squad: 1. Scanlan, 2. Ontong, 3. Niven, 4. Lindsay, 5. Bennett, 6. Hermiston, 7. Hogg, 8. McLean, 9. Ferris, 10. Millman, 11. McNaughton, 12. McGregor, 14. Ogden, 17. Wright, 18. Konstantinou, 19. Bryce, 20. Lowndes. Coach: M. Carson.

Sunday, 3pm
Richlands

Next week: Marconi v Lions

PAST RESULTS:

1977: Lions v Canberra 0-1
1978: Lions v Canberra 2-2
1979: Lions v Canberra 3-0
1980: Lions v Canberra 0-0

CANBERRA ARROWS

Likely squad: 1. Wilson, 2. M. O'Shea, 3. Williams, 4. Cole, 5. J. O'Shea, 6. Stark, 7. R. O'Shea, 8. Byrne, 9. Valeri, 10. McLaren, 11. Brennan, 12. Gibson, 13. Purdie, 14. Massa, 15. Moutsopoulos, 16. Farrell, 21. Hozowski. Coach: G. Murray.

REFEREE: D. Nugent
Linesmen: J. Word
W. Turkington

Next week: Canberra v Blacktown



McLaren

Marconi's Socceroo goalie fully stretched in the game against Heidelberg.





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ADELAIDE CITY v NEWCASTLE 4-1(1-1)

Adelaide City (4-3-3)

Russell (5)	Marocchi (4)	Miller (4)	Marshall (4)	Perin (4)	B. Nyskohus (4)
Mitchell (4)	J. Nyskohus (5)	Melita (4)	Northcote (4)	Villani (4)	
Buckley (3)	McClelland (3)	Mason (3)	Kamasz (3)	Mountford (3)	
Senkalski (4)	Drinkwater (4)	Bertogna (4)	Reaney (4)		
H. Tredinnick (3)	Dando (3)				

Newcastle (4-3-3)

Replacements: Jones (16m) for Mountford, Heys (77m) for Kamasz, Peressin, 3, (27m) for Marshall.
Referee: R. Kerr — Crowd: 3,480 — Cautions: Reaney, McClelland, J. Nyskohus.
Goals: 1-0 J. Nyskohus (13m), 1-1 Kamasz (27m), 2-1 Villani (58m), 3-1 J. Nyskohus (63m. pen.), 4-1 Russell (65m).

Adelaide City overcame a four-year long PSL hoodoo with this scintillating win.

It was the first time Adcity beat Newcastle since the NSW side was admitted to the PSL in 1978.

After an even first half, Newcastle were no match for the rampaging Adcity.

John Nyskohus gave the hosts a deserved early lead with a fine goal in the 13th minute but David Kamasz cancelled that out with a controversial goal after a corner.

Adelaide City made sure of the points in the second half with an inspired seven-minute burst which netted them three goals.

INSPIRED

With nine points out of a possible 10 in their last five PSL games, Adelaide City have moved up very nicely on the table.

Even more significant is that Adelaide City have scored three more goals than leaders South Melbourne after nine matches.

For a game of such clear winning margin it was crammed full of incidents and controversies.

The first of them came with the Newcastle equaliser as City players claimed that former England international

Paul Reaney had elbowed goalkeeper Peter Marshall in the face, as he jumped to intercept a corner from Kamasz.

By the time Marshall reached the ball he could only assist it further into the net.

Marshall crashed heavily and injured his left ankle and had to be replaced by Steve Peressin.

Later in the match as frustration overtook skills, Reaney and McClelland were cautioned by the referee.

The penalty awarded to Adelaide City was

another controversial issue.

It was hotly disputed, with Newcastle players claiming that the incident had occurred outside the area.

But referee Kerr was adamant and the injured party duly converted the spot-kick.

John Nyskohus was actually the man of the match though Bobby Russell, scoring a colossal fourth goal towards the end, was equally impressive.

On this display, Adelaide City fans seem justified in their indignation that none of their talented stars are even in the larger Socceroo squad.

— Allan Crisp

PRESTON v LEICHHARDT 3-1(2-1)

Preston (4-3-3)

Rainey (3)	Flavell (5)	Cullen (4)	O'Connor (4)	Kafka (4)	McAusland (3)
Petrovski (3)	Lucchesi (4)	Ollerton (5)	Morsello (3)	Leyden (3)	Wilson (3)
Clayton (3)	Higham (3)	Faulkner (3)	Brown (5)	Giampaolo (4)	Hughes (3)
Watts (3)	Skellern (3)	Woodhouse (4)			

Leichhardt (4-3-3)

Replacement: Lesbirel (81m) for Faulkner.
Goals: 1-0 Higham (11m), 1-1 Giampaolo (19m), 2-1 Ollerton (30m), 3-1 Brown (53m).
Referee: S. Mellings — Crowd: 3,500 — Caution: Morsello.

Allan Whittle, the former Crystal Palace and Everton star, missed out on the chance to size up Preston and figure out how hard it will be to force his way into the team.

Whittle, who in recent years, has been turning out for Orient, in the English second division, was delayed by an airport strike in England and didn't arrive until Monday.

He has signed a contract with Preston and should establish himself as one of the big names of the season.

The problem is where to find him a spot in the side as this Preston attack is too good to be pulled apart.

Leichhardt felt the full brunt of this on Sunday

IMPROVED

with Robert Cullen and Doug Brown both rearing to go after missing out the previous week through suspension.

Brown, was specially in full flight in the latter stages of the first half and for most of the second.

He gave Skellern a nightmare on the left and then his speed and skill tested Woodhouse several times before finally scoring through a solo effort.

But if Brown was the star when the side got on top, it was the experience of Peter Ollerton which pulled Preston out

of the fire early in the match.

Higham gave Preston the lead after 11 minutes following a defensive mix-up but the home side looked anything but comfortable at that stage.

Leichhardt exposed Preston's weak spots — its defence — in the opening 20 minutes and Skellern, Giampaolo and Hughes all tested Clayton before Giampaolo got a simple equaliser.

Giampaolo, showing no signs of his recent hamstring worries, was allowed a free header to

meet Kafka's cross from the right after a short corner.

However, Ollerton picked up the pieces and after Cullen had hit the bar put Preston back in front heading home a Flavell cross.

Before halftime Ollerton went close again with a 25-metre shot and then set up Cullen with a chance which brought another good save from Woodhouse.

Leichhardt were disappointing after the break when their midfield disappeared out of sight.

Morsello found the going hard as the central striker without getting adequate support.

— Paul Galea

MARCONI v HEIDELBERG 3-1(2-0)

Marconi (4-3-3)

Degney (3)	Mariani (4)	Sharne (5)	Henderson (3)	Byrne (3)	Krnecvic (3)	Calderon (3)	Picioane (4)	Jankovics (4)	Brogan (3)
Rooney (3)	Campbell (3)	Provan (3)	Bozikas (3)	McGrory (4)	Taylor (2)	Yzendoorn (4)	Olver (5)	Setemidis (4)	McMillan (4)

Heidelberg (4-4-2)

Replacements: Williams (45m) for Taylor, Cole (64m) for Rooney, Colusso (70m) for Krnecvic.
Goals: 1-0 Sharne (10m), 2-0 Sharne (38m), 2-1 Yzendoorn (60m), 3-1 Jankovics (90m).
Referee: P. Rampley — Crowd: 2,500.

From the very start Marconi laid siege on the Heidelberg goal.

The visitors were given little chance to settle down when Sharne had the ball in the net in the second minute, only to be ruled offside.

With the crowd still buzzing, the Socceroo striking trio quickly got into their stride.

Urged on by their fans, Marconi kept pressing forward, as Picioane found a good understanding with his front runners and supplied them with many pinpoint passes and tantalising through-balls.

In the 10th minute Picioane powered his way through from the

midfield, delivered an inch-perfect pass and Sharne's shot, after a rebound, bulged the net.

Having taken the lead Marconi relaxed a little and Heidelberg, gaining in composure, mounted many dangerous counter-attacks.

The crowd was treated to some great end-to-end action.

Heidelberg couldn't break through the well organised Marconi defence.

At the other end of the field the Socceroo trio was combining well and

caused a lot of problems to the defence.

Krnecvic sent Jankovics on a long run down the park and his low cross was rifled home by Sharne.

Marconi started the second half in a whirlwind fashion.

Olver was forced to save some dazzling shots from Mariani and Byrne.

Heidelberg weathered the onslaught and gradually took control of the game.

Pushing more men forward than earlier, it

was their turn to give the Marconi defence a good work-out.

The 60th minute saw Yzendoorn score from a set-piece move after an indirect freekick.

Sensing the chance to snatch a point, coach Rooney sent Gary Cole on — to replace himself.

The big striker gave Maher several chances to perform some acrobatics, but his timing was a little off.

In the end Marconi came again and in the last 15 minutes fans had a thrill a minute.

On fulltime Brogan's lob came off the crossbar and Jankovics headed home the third goal.

— Mike Mikolajczyk

BRISBANE CITY v BLACKTOWN 2-1(1-0)

Brisbane City (4-3-3)

Perry (3)	Gaffney (3)	Palinkas (3)	Wallace (3)	Hormazabal (3)	O'Donnell (4)	Ratcliffe (4)	Pimblett (3)	P. Wilkinson (3)	Burrows (4)	Selfridge (3)	Pointer (4)	Coe (4)	Dunne (4)	B. Wilkinson (3)
Hamilton (3)	Kelso (2)	Djordjevic (-)	Culina (2)	Wheatley (3)										

Blacktown (4-3-3)

Replacements: Milosevic 3 (20m) for Djordjevic, Rasmussen (49m) for Wallace, Conner (72m) for Kelso.
Goals: 1-0 Hamilton (43m), 1-1 Culina (86m), 2-1 Hamilton (87m).
Referee: D. Miles — Crowd: 1,800 — Caution: Dunne.

Blacktown came under the microscope with recent allegations of negative soccer levelled against them.

But there was nothing negative about the way they took the game to Brisbane City.

Their first chance came after a great Culina run on the wing whose cross was flicked on by Selfridge to Wallace but he missed.

For the first 15 minutes the Brisbane defenders were rather uncomfortable against the buzzing, speedy attackers.

Then came a blow to the visitors. In the 20th minute Djordjevic, already heavily strapped on the leg, clashed with Dunne and had to be replaced.

After that Blacktown's rhythm became somewhat irregular.

The game gradually degenerated into a mid-field scramble.

Just before halftime Brisbane went into the lead.

Gaffney drove in a cross at an angle, James dropped the ball and Hamilton pushed it home from a close range.

The second half started with Bill Wilkinson and Hamilton forcing their way through Blacktown's right flank; the attack finished when Paul Wilkinson's header hit the crossbar.

For some reason or

other Brisbane City couldn't exploit the space available.

With four minutes to go Culina was allowed to run through and his shot went right into the net, having deflected off Gaffney.

Brisbane City reacted immediately and Paul Wilkinson rose high to nod a ball into the goalmouth and Hamilton, arriving with great timing, headed it into the corner.

Despite its good moments, it was not a truly memorable match.

Blacktown have the makings of becoming a well organised, com-

petent team while Brisbane City, scoring both from the midfield, may be getting the message we spelt out last week.

There is no doubt that Blacktown would have been a much tougher proposition had Djordjevic continued after 20 minutes.

As it was, the dangerous Burrows was too often left isolated, getting scanty support from the middle.

Brisbane City now certainly have the style and players to take on all in the PSL especially in their home matches where they are so full of confidence.

— Jim Binnie



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STH. MELBOURNE v WOLLONGONG 1-0(0-0)

South Melbourne (4-3-3)

V. Bannon (4)	Blair (4)	Laumets (4)	Xanthopoulos (3)	Davidson (4)
Stevenson (5)		Rogers (4)	Shirra (4)	
Cummings (3)		Evans (4)	Buljevic (3)	
●				
Adam (3)	Morlando (3)	Fontana (3)		
Ainsworth (4)	Tredinnick (4)	McBreen (4)	Fleming (4)	
	De Graaf (5)	Dunleavy (4)	Willis (4)	
	Preston (4)			

Wollongong (4-4-2)

Replacements: Christopoulos (67m) for Cummings, Morton (69m) for Morlando.
Goal: Stevenson (70m)
Referee: C. Bambridge — Crowd: 6,500 — Caution: Shirra, De Graaf.

A forecast of showers didn't prevent a healthy crowd from trekking their way to see the battle of the two unbeaten teams.

They were duly rewarded by seeing all that's fine in soccer.

A touch of class was evident in much of the game with Wollongong doing better in the first 15 minutes.

Young Blair was doing extremely well in the air, giving good support to the others at the back.

Shirra gave the fans a thrill when he hit the crossbar in the 16th minute, after a Cummings pass.

Wollongong were unlucky when Morlando missed an easy chance in the 18th minute, but

STRUGGLE

they were soon back in the attack.

Two players stood out like beacons: Billy De Graaf of Wollongong and John Stevenson of South Melbourne.

De Graaf kept the irrepressible Evans quiet in the first half and Stevenson was seen everywhere with some magical touches to keep things moving.

Rogers came into the game more and more and was responsible for an even flow of passes to his attackers.

Tredinnick and Fleming were providing the fodder and just on

the half hour Fleming headed over the bar with nobody to beat.

South Melbourne breathed a sigh of relief when a Fleming groundshot skimmed right across the goalmouth.

Evans was playing a roving game but wasn't getting much support from Cummings and Buljevic.

A Cummings shot found the sidenetting on two occasions and Morlando was equally ineffective for Wollongong.

Christopoulos went on for Cummings and two minutes later Ken Mor-

ton replaced Morlando.

Soon after South Melbourne built up their most effective move including Stevenson, Rogers, Evans and Shirra, with Stevenson to score with a blockbuster in the 70th minute.

Wollongong fought back desperately but were turned back by a tight defence.

De Graaf was an inspiration at the back and pity the Australian strikers if New Zealand has a better one at home on Anzac Day.

With five minutes to go Davidson dashed down the left wing and crossed to Christopoulos for what could have been a second goal had his header been controlled better. — Jack Stephen

OLYMPIC v WEST ADELAIDE 3-1(2-1)

Olympic (4-3-3)

Moulis (4)	Ziros (4)	Wilson (4)	Wilson (4)	Palmer (4)
Raskopoulos (4)	Laing (3)	Jamieson (-)		
Cotton (4)	Koussas (3)	Jennings (5)		
●				
Manecas (2)	Brown (2)	Wright (2)		
McKie (3)	Honeyman (3)	Topaz (2)		
Bozanic (3)	Tymczyszyn (4)	Kambas (3)	Marisic (2)	
	Crook (4)			

West Adelaide (4-3-3)

Replacements: Katholos 3 (15m) for Jamieson, Haig (55m) for Marisic, Cross (74m) for Cotton, Hughes (75m) for Manecas.
Goals: 1-0 Raskopoulos (25m), 2-0 Cotton (30m), 2-1 Tymczyszyn (35m. pen.), 3-1 Koussas (51m).
Referee: T. Davies — Crowd: 6,100 — Caution: Kambas.

I don't care if the super-sensitive Olympic fans or officials are offended or if their manager Tommy Docherty again hurls abuse at my head.

I'm prepared to run the gauntlet again, surrounded and threatened by their supporters.

Come what may, I'm prepared to come out straight: they were brilliant against Westad...

It was refreshing to see a team engaged in non-stop action playing a very modern, entertaining if not outright exciting brand of soccer which, it seems, is rapidly getting their huge crowds back.

Mind you, Westad failed miserably to

EXCITING

provide a true hardstick: they were absolutely pathetic: on this display, the weakest, most lethargic and disorganised team in the PSL.

Olympic should have won by six or seven goals, such was the wide gap between the two teams.

The hosts, after a tentative start, settled down once Katholos came on in the 15th minute to replace Jamieson.

An almighty goalmouth scramble in the 25th minute opened the floodgates: with bodies lying prostrate, amidst a maze of lunging

legs and arms, Raskopoulos kept his cool to slot home the ball from a close range.

Five minutes later Cotton scored a unique, classy goal.

He advanced on the right flank, with the erratic Marisic slowly retreating; just when one and all expected a goalmouth cross, Cotton, still shuffling along slowly, sliced the ball in to the near corner from 20 metres with an "eat your heart out" gesture.

Ever so briefly, Westad lifted their game and in the 35th minute earned a penalty when Wilson handled the ball

and Tymczyszyn converted a penalty.

A superb attack in the 51st minute made it 3-1. Cotton's long, precise pass went to the irresistible Jennings on the left and his cross was swept home by the alert Koussas.

Katholos missed a penalty in the 64th minute, awarded when Tymczyszyn handled, then a Raskopoulos piledriver was saved.

—Andrew Dettre
PS: My thanks to Olympic secretary Nick Smilas who pacified my outraged critics, to Docherty who calmed down later to amicably invite me for lunch, but not to a smirking colleague nearby who hugely enjoyed my temporary discomfort.

CANBERRA v FOOTSCRAY 5-0(2-0)

Canberra (4-3-3)

M.O'Shea (4)	Byrne (4)	Hoszowski (4)	Stark (3)	Williams (4)
J. O'Shea (4)	Farrell (5)	R. O'Shea (3)		
Brennan (5)	Gibson (5)	McLaren (3)		
●				
Cozzella (3)	Belic (3)	Kakantonis (2)		
Petrou (2)	Ilioski (3)	Jovanovic (3)		
Milne (2)	O'Reilly (2)	Kondarios (2)	Kyriakoulas (2)	
	Boland (2)			

Footscray (4-3-3)

Replacements: McLaughlin (34m) for Kyriakoulas, Massa (46m) for Stark, Purdie (67m) for Brennan.
Goals: 1-0 Brennan (1m), 2-0 Gibson (43m), 3-0 Gibson (66m), 4-0 McLaren (78m), 5-0 Gibson (80m).
Referee: B. Mee — Crowd: 6,190.

It's hard to believe but it's true: the score actually flattered Footscray which could have lost by almost double the margin.

However, Canberra muffed almost as many good scoring opportunities as they converted.

Footscray was expected to put on a stiff fight to crawl away from the bottom rung but this wasn't the case.

Canberra, without regulars Duncan Cole and Richard Wilson, now in New Zealand, plus Walter Valeri, out injured, applied pressure from the start.

In the first minute Tony Brennan, in sparkling form, slotted

the ball past the hapless Boland, after McLaren had hit the upright.

For the rest of the first half Footscray also led some surprisingly good attacks.

Two minutes from halftime Ian Gibson's shot beat Boland to truly reflect the state of the game at that stage.

In the second half Ian Gibson set the Canberra attack on fire.

First he received a ball in midfield and skirted two players before being brought down by Kondarios.

Gibson took the

penalty and his shot hit the upright, then bounced into the net.

Ian Purdie, the other new Scottish signing for the Arrows, replaced Tony Brennan and at once made his presence felt, by slipping past defenders with ease.

The fourth goal — and the most handsome one of the match — was scored when Gibson sprinted into the Footscray area and deftly backheeled the ball into the path of Don McLaren who rifled a shot into the corner.

With 10 minutes to go,

Isaac Farrell squared a low cross into the path of the ever alert Gibson who made no mistake in front of the goal.

The misery of Footscray was now complete. They played with all the enthusiasm of a team of convicts.

If they don't rehabilitate themselves soon, their relegation from the PSL will be a merciful relief for one and all — including the players.

Canberra, without three aces, have shown that they have the depth in skill.

— Peter Kunz

SYDNEY CITY v BRISBANE LIONS 1-1(1-1)

Sydney City (4-3-3)

Souness (4)	Spanos (4)	Clarke (3)	O'Connor (3)	Bruce (3)
Patikas (4)	Muniz (3)	Barnes (3)		
Watson (3)	Kosmina (4)	Gomez (3)		
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Wright (3)	Millman (3)	Ferris (3)		
Lindsay (3)	McLean (3)	Hogg (3)		
Niven (4)	Hermiston (5)	Bennett (5)	Ontong (4)	
	Scanlan (4)			

Lions (4-3-3)

Replacements: Cant (56m) for Muniz, Constantinou (57m) for Wright, Murray (72m) for Gomez.
Goals: 1-0 Souness (20m), 1-1 Millman (27m).
Referee: R. Lorenc — Crowd: 1,726.

The small crowd went home disappointed as the Slickers again failed to impress by giving a lacklustre performance, very poor in flair coupled with gruesome finishing.

Brisbane Lions, after scoring their equaliser, seemed content to play for a draw and held out for the remainder of the match.

Sydney City started well and vigorously and could have scored three goals in the first 10 minutes.

First John Kosmina had a good run which ended with his cross cleared off the line by Hermiston, with Scanlan beaten.

This habit of clearing balls off the line continued throughout the match: nobody does it with more composure

and with less surprise than the Lions defenders.

In the 6th minute Scanlan redeemed himself for his earlier oversight with a superb save from a Gomez shot going under the bar.

Yet another five minutes later Colin Bennett cleared a Kosmina header off the line and Joe Watson's follow-up shot was deflected for a corner.

Millman handed out the first warning for the visitors when he intercepted a pass from Souness but shot wide on the run.

Sydney City at last took the lead after 20

minutes: Souness took a superb freekick from 25 metres after Patikas had been tripped, then kicked on the ground.

A bare seven minutes later the score was even. Ferris got the ball after some untidy work by Barnes, sent a through-ball to Millman who shrugged off Spanos and shot low into the corner.

Four minutes later Millman almost repeated his feat. Barnes was dispossessed but in the last split second Spanos managed to push the ball sideways.

A nicely curved corner by Muniz sailed over Scanlan's head and towards the net but —

yes, again — Bennett headed it clear on the line.

With two such defenders, who needs a goalkeeper?

The already cautious Lions became even more defensive in the second half, easily keeping Sydney City's hesitant forays under control.

The main argument of the day — why Gomez and not Murray in the starting team — ended in a draw, just like the match.

The answer is that neither of them measured up to expectations.

Murray, when he came on, looked lost and was easily shaken off the ball.

— Joe Marton

LET-DOWN

COCA-COLA BOTTLERS LEAGUE REPORT

By Paul James



We call it the NSW League — but is it? Isn't it too restricted to metropolitan Sydney, bypassing the large country areas? In many other parts of the world soccer's real strength lies in the provinces: just think of tiny Ipswich in England, the smallish St. Etienne and Nantes in France, Brno and Bratislava in Czechoslovakia, Split in Yugoslavia and others. Aren't we ignoring for too long and too carelessly the potential of NSW country areas? We sought answers to this question from the top 14 NSW clubs.

SUTHERLAND



Haynes

"Expense is the biggest problem I can see facing an increase in the area of the State League," said Sutherland's coach John Watkiss.

"Teams like Bathurst, Wollongong, the Central Coast and the Riverina should be in the State League."

"I think everyone would like to see soccer open up new areas to top class competition."

"But we have to ask ourselves if we can afford it."

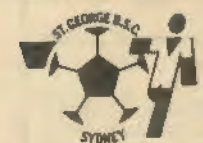
"It would take a lot of preparation to get teams from country centres to Sydney and in fact all over the state."

"It is obvious that there are talented players in more places than just Sydney."

"The Hunter Region and Illawarra have always provided a large number of great players to Sydney teams, and now Monaro have shown that Queanbeyan and Griffith also have class players."

"I definitely think it is worth looking into developing those areas, but once again, I feel the cost may be prohibitive," John said.

ST. GEORGE



"If the State NSW Federation wants the league to live up to its title, then it has to start considering getting more country areas into the competition."

"A true state league would have teams from a number of centres, not just Sydney and Queanbeyan," St. George soccer president Les Boudas said.

"People say that next year Rugby League will have Illawarra and Canberra in the Sydney competition."

"That is a threat, true enough, but it is only one

more example of league copying something soccer has already done."

"We have to be again the pacesetters and get more country areas involved in top soccer competitions."

"The present size of the league is the best, so that would mean cutting the number of Sydney teams."

"That would be a hard thing to do, but if we want to be honest there are some teams that aren't pulling their weight in regard to drawing crowds."

"Maybe the country centres should be given a chance," Les said.

MELITA

"I think we should get more country teams into the State League but only on the proviso that the present State League teams don't have to subsidise them," Melita's president Emmanuel Said commented.

"I can't see why the Northern NSW champs, a team from the Riverina and a team from the west of the state couldn't be in the league."

"But they must be able to pay their own way."

"It would be harder for a team from the country to afford the travelling to Sydney: they would have more trips and unless they had a solid club support it might be hard to meet costs."

"I think some of the country areas deserve a top side to compete in the top soccer competition of the state."

"We must spread the game throughout the country and there are obviously soccer followers in a lot of country centres."

"But before a club is admitted it must show it could cope with the financial strain," Emmanuel said.

MANLY



"I would like to see the State League a truly statewide competition," said Manly's Ron Beattie.

"We would be looking at getting teams from Newcastle, Coffs Harbour, Tamworth and the Riverina into the League to spread the soccer gospel."

"Rugby League is starting to consider areas outside Sydney, and we should too."

"Next year they will have Illawarra and Can-

berra/Queanbeyan in the 'Sydney' competition."

"And I can see that they will be looking towards other areas like the Central Coast in the near future."

"An enlarged NSW league, with some Sydney teams, clubs from the NSW countryside and the larger centres such as Newcastle and Wollongong would make much more sense."

"In fact, it would probably even be worth including teams from the ACT, Queensland and Victoria in an Eastern Coast League which would automatically be an ideal 'Second Division' for the PSL," said Ron.

"Admittedly it would mean increased financial cost, but with the right sponsors such a concept would be just as exciting as the PSL."

"We've got to start looking at ways of getting soccer established in the country before Rugby League beats a path to the countryside," he added.

AVALA



"I think it is very important that we get more country areas involved in the State League," said Avala's coach Kaz Kulak.

"I think a lot of soccer followers would prefer to see a good variety of teams in the State League — not just Sydney teams."

"Areas such as Gosford, Newcastle, Wollongong, Bathurst and the Riverina should have teams in the State League."

"I think the Philips League has shown that country areas are capable of providing teams that can do well in top class competition."

"And what's more important, they have shown that they can get good support."

"I'm sure that teams from those areas would be able to draw good crowds at home against any of the top Sydney teams."

"We have to try and spread the game out into less centralised areas."

"For too long we have just worried about the main cities."

"We have to look to the country for the future of the game," Kaz said.

AUBURN



McDonald

"I believe we should aim to justify the name of our League: the State League," said Auburn's Fred Parker.

"We must spread the game to keep on growing," he said.

"Sure, the game is growing in the junior ranks, but as a spectator sport there has been little improvement in the NSW competition, apart from the introduction of Monaro."

"Their introduction is a classic example of what can be achieved."

"Everyone wrote them off before they even kicked a ball, yet they have been a strong combination in the State League."

"There are many areas in the state that could do just as well as Monaro," Fred said.

"Wollongong, the Central Coast, Bathurst, Orange, Tamworth and so on would all be worth considering."

"We must get the whole state involved in the game."

"Soccer interest doesn't stop at the outskirts of Sydney."

"There are many talented players who have never received a chance to show their skills," he said.

"Admittedly transport is one aspect that would have to be looked at, but there are methods that can be used to get around that — such as the one the basketball league uses with games 'on the road'," he said.

CROATIA



"It would be good to have more teams from all over the state in the State League," said Croatia's president Tony Topic.

"It would add more interest to the competition, with some fresh blood," he said.

"But I can see that there would be some financial problems."

"There would be a lot of travelling if we got three or four country teams from Orange, Bathurst, Newcastle and Wollongong in the league."

"But I think we may have to look towards something like that to get the league vibrant," he said.

"What we need is new talent to give the league a shake up."

"There are just so many players in Sydney, and there must be more good players all over the state."

"They should be given a chance to reveal themselves."

"We also have to start building up soccer interest right throughout the state," Tony said.

MONARO



Francis

"Being a country team, we feel that the State League should look towards more areas," said Inter Monaro's Joe Chiers.

"We feel that soccer must expand out of the metropolitan areas."

"At most there should be five Sydney teams and sides from Newcastle, Illawarra, Central Coast, Bathurst, the Riverina and so on in a true State League."

"I then think you would have a very good competition which would attract plenty of attention in the countryside."

"We have to realise that Rugby League is starting to make moves towards getting the country involved in top class competition."

"If we don't act fast then they will be entrenched and nothing we can do will shift them."

"But if we strike first and make the neutrals into soccer followers, then the country will provide a vibrant backbone to the code."

"The country areas have always been able to produce good quality players."

"The trouble is, they've always had to go to either Sydney or Melbourne to make a name for themselves."

"If those players could be welded into good teams in various towns across the state it would help bring the best talent to the notice of the various representative coaches."

"There must be other Giampaolos and Valeris in the countryside, just itching to be given the chance to show their wares," Joe said.

"But we have to act fast."

"Otherwise the kids and the prospective supporters could well be taken in by rugby league," he said.

BANKSTOWN

"I agree that the State League should expand, but I don't think we should just invite teams into the State League competition," said Bankstown's Jim Giffin.

"I prefer to see a retention of the promotion system," he said.

"Teams like Fairy Meadow, Wollongong United and Bathurst '75 are all doing well in First Division and could easily win their way into the State League."

"What we can do though, is invite teams to take part in the second or first division, to prove themselves and work their way up."

"We have to spread the soccer gospel, but I think that the standard must be maintained as

well," he said.

"I don't think the State League could take a sudden expansion of teams either: a more gradual introduction of teams from different areas of the state would help clubs prepare financially," he said.

RIVERWOOD

"Most certainly we should start looking at getting more country areas into the State League," said Riverwood's Eric Smith.

"But unfortunately we can't increase the size of the State League."

"The only other solution is to drop some of the present clubs."

"But who?"

"Most clubs will agree with the proposition to include more country areas in the State League, but I'm sure they will all say, 'Yes, they can come in, but not at our expense.'"

"It would need a ruthless hand at the helm to make such a decision," Eric said.

"Many areas like Wollongong, Newcastle, Bathurst and the Central Coast are practically crying out for representation in top competition."

"At present they can't afford the expense of the Philips League, but a State League competition should be within the range of most clubs."

"We have to eventually do it to get soccer going," Eric said.

NTH. SYDNEY

"The State League should look at getting more country areas of New South Wales into the competition," North Sydney's Phil Bottalico said.

"Most of the State League clubs couldn't afford it — but then again, we may have to cut down the number of Sydney teams to add the country clubs."

Phil said there were many talented players in the country, and there were some strong teams that could be even stronger if, like Monaro, they were given the chance.

"I coached in Griffith for a few years, and I had an outstanding young player in my team who was only 16."

"His name: Walter Valeri. Now Walter is in the national squad, along with Sebastian Giampaolo, another player brought into the public eye via a country team, Monaro."

CANTERBURY

"I can see that we will have to start looking towards the country areas for the future," a Canterbury spokesman said.

"But I can see a lot of problems in that."

"The travelling and financial burdens would have to be off-set by bigger sponsorship, but sponsors only want to give you money if they can get exposure."

"Channel O is helping in that regard by televising some of the State League matches, but we need bigger

coverage from the press," he said.

"There is undoubtedly a great amount of talent in the country areas."

"A lot of former Australian players have come from areas like Newcastle, the Illawarra region and the Canberra region."

"I think there are also a few Sydney teams that are not attracting enough people and perhaps there are some country areas that could outdraw them," he said.

POLONIA



"For the growth of the code into a truly national sport it is vital that we get the game into the country areas and I firmly believe that we must get more country teams into the State League," Polonia's John Kaniszewski said.

"We've argued that point for many years," he said.

"We must expand — make the State League title really mean something."

"I think there are several country areas that would be potentially good crowd builders — better than some of the Sydney teams."

"We have to build up the interest in the game, and it's become obvious that there is just so much that can be done in Sydney."

"There must be other strong teams in the country and it is our duty to get those teams into the State League to improve standards," he said.

PARRAMATTA

"I think we should look towards the country areas to develop soccer," said Parramatta's coach Bob Wall.

"Monaro is an excellent case for the argument."

"They came into the State League, caused some minor surprises in their first year and then won the Grand Final in the second."

"And they also revealed to the country two boys who are now in the national team, in Giampaolo and Valeri."

"There must be dozens of players across the state who could easily walk into any State League team, and there must be a few who should be playing for Australia," Bob said.

"I think it's wrong to assume all soccer's talent is in Sydney."

"Areas like the Riverina, Bathurst, the Central Coast, Illawarra have youth that must be the equal of any in the state."

"And those areas should be given teams that can represent them in top class competition," Bob said.

POLES IN NO MOOD TO SELL CHEAP

Bit by bit, the Saints are shaking off their pursuers, romping towards the title which they so badly want to win.

On Sunday, it will be Bankstown's turn to get a taste of St. George's new-look determination.

The hosts are likely to pack their defence and hit back with counters but they don't look well enough equipped in attack to cause an upset.

Our tip: St. George 4-0. Croatia, having shed a point they may miss at the end of their campaign, will have an equally tough encounter against Canterbury.

In recent matches the feared Croatia machine has been faltering and they find goals very hard to come by.

Canterbury's sharp-shooting Ross Brown as well as solid midfield

led by Williams, could cause Croatia quite a lot of bother.

Our tip: 1-1 draw.

The third high-flyer, Melita, look strong enough to keep Auburn at bay.

If Farrugia goes anywhere near his display of last week, he alone could decide the issue.

However, in Stoddart, the tricky Martinez and

the solid McCoy — maybe the real McCoy — they also have some big guns to pierce the Auburn armor.

Our tip: Melita 2-0.

Riverwood have been climbing with the steadiness of Everest mountaineers; critics who were writing off coach Atti Abonyi as a flop are munching their words.

But against Polonia, Riverwood can expect a

stiff battle; the Poles, nowadays, are in no mood anywhere to sell themselves cheap.

On paper, there isn't much difference between the two teams and the one that takes its chances better will come out on top.

Our tip: 2-2 draw.

Sutherland's far from impressive win against the decimated Manly plus their engagement in the midweek Cup final aren't the best omens for their match against North Sydney Inter.

They can thank their lucky stars, however, that the Northern boys are really struggling.

Sutherland have too much speed, skill and cohesion not to overcome this hurdle even if the youngsters are not quite at their fittest.

Our tip: Sutherland 2-0.

Avala's clash with Manly could produce a very even encounter.

Avala fullback Lembryk might have acquired a taste for goals last week and go for a repeat dose.

Manly will have problems with a crop of injuries and coach Mick Jones will need all his ingenuity to assemble a team which can stem the tide.

Our tip: Avala 1-0.

Parramatta are due for an improvement and the silky skills of former St. George star Willie Hamilton may smooth their way out of trouble.

Their task against Monaro isn't nearly impossible, only difficult as the country boys cut an impressive and cohesive picture.

Heywood could be again the key man for Monaro to get goals though perhaps not as rapidly as Parramatta had to concede them last week at the start of their match.

Our tip: Parramatta 1-0.

SWEDES CHANGE

Sweden has re-organised its first division — largely to save travelling costs.

As of 1982, the first division will be cut from 14 teams to 12.



Pele and Beckenbauer in happier times.

TURMOIL IN STH. AMERICA

Money — or lack of it — seems to preoccupy many associations and players in South America.

In February, after drawing 1-1 with Brazil in Bogota, Colombia's national team players went on strike for higher bonuses.

Their bone of contention was that their association had promised them \$4,500 for reaching the World Cup finals (against Peru and Uruguay) while the national coach, Carlos Bilardo, stood to get a bonus of — \$135,000.

After long and bitter negotiations an agreement was reached; the players will receive \$450 a point in friendlies, \$1,200 in World Cup qualifying matches and

an extra \$1,700 if they do reach Spain.

In neighbouring Ecuador, the association engaged the Brazilian Otto Vieira to prepare the national team for the World Cup, against Chile and Paraguay.

In the first friendly match Ecuador lost 6-0, at home, to Brazil.

The squad was disbanded and the coach fired.

Yet another argument is raging in Asuncion, where Paraguay's coach, the Uruguayan Jose Salsas, is accused of spending too much money on preparations.

Salsas wants his team to train not at home — but at a Uruguayan beach resort, 300km. from Montevideo.



Peruvian star Obillas

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the elder one, Gary, managing to stay on the winning side.

Melita had a Ray Farrugia festival: he controlled the midfield, orchestrated the attacks — and then scored a hat-trick for good measure.

North Sydney suffered a blow when A. Bottalico was sent off after 21 minutes for dissent and the 10 survivors had little chance against the smooth Eagles.

Two goals came from penalties though the match was far from rough or vicious.

Greg McCoy, John Stoddart and Don Campbell were great partners to the inspired Farrugia while for North Sydney Lilli, McGinn and Steven were outstanding.

It seems that Polonia may prove to be a permanent stumbling block for the ambitious Croatia.

The experienced Polonia slowed the game down a bit, just enough to make the match a test of skills where they could easily equal their opponents.

After 22 minutes Lemanczyk could have grabbed the lead for Polonia but shot high in the goalmouth; just on halftime Sobczyk missed another sitter.

Croatia, too, had their chances, especially in the second half when Marcos Silva, facing only the goalie, failed to score.

The very best in the hard tussle between Canterbury and Bankstown was left to the end.

Canterbury's best player, Ross Brown, met a high cross in the 87th minute and jumping in the air, crashed home a spectacular volley to seal the result.

Brett Gilligan's early goal for Bankstown shook the Berries who could pull level only with an own goal by Greg Lynch when a ball skidded off his head into the net.

It was end-to-end stuff in the second half but Ross Brown's goal-touch and the disappointing display of the Bankstown midfield finally decided the issue in favour of the hosts.

ST. GEORGE v MONARO 4-1(3-0)

St. George: Fraser, Duarte, Terry, Barton, Rylands, McDonald, Davies, Stone, Walker (Beggs), Griffiths (Kanacki), Marton. Monaro: Caputo, Crawford, Charles, Nobis, Santolin, Salgado, Arquero (Sheridan), Francis, Link, Valeri, Heywood. Goals: 1-0 Marton (12m), 2-0 Griffiths (25m), 3-0 Marton (41m), 4-1 Heywood (88m), 4-1 Marton (88m). Referee: A. Boskovic; Crowd: 961.

RIVERWOOD v AUBURN 1-0(0-0)

Riverwood: Gisbourn, Martin, Wignall, Butcher, Mikas, Lee, Savor, Tracey, Fisher, Bullock, Landon. Auburn: De Haas, McInerney, Prgomelja, Biefby, McDonald,

Bertram, Leek, Theing, Brown, Hill (Hoysted), Quigley. Goal: Savor (87m). Referee: K. Small; Crowd: 200.

MANLY v SUTHERLAND 0-2(0-1)

Manly: Dower (Cassettari), Geoghan, Doyle, Kramer, Reilly, K. Falconer, Jack, P. Falconer, Reagan, Fox, Palamara (Emery), Sutherland: Haynes, Hesford, Cashman, Groomer (Cooper), Dal Forno, Watkins, Murphy, Meades, T. Bush, P. Bush, Rogers. Goals: 1-0 Murphy (35m), 2-0 T. Bush (71m).

AVALA v PARRAMATTA 4-1(2-1)

Avala: Ahrens, Lembryk, Dellari, Gary Fairclough, Pilovski, Ruiz, Gogic, Rodic (Kodon), Maish, Carrizo, Samuels. Parramatta: Thurlow, McKenzie, Sigland, Bates, Glen Fairclough, Lockey, Hamilton, Roden, Strickland, Herron, Mitchell. Goals: 1-0 Maish (1m), 2-0 Lembryk (2m), 2-1 Mitchell (34m), 3-1 Lembryk (54m), 4-1 Samuels (79m).

NTH. SYDNEY v MELITA 1-4(1-2)

North Sydney: Lilli, McGinn, J. Bottalico, Matheson, O'Rourke (Mitchell), Dale, Morsello, Steven, A. Bottalico, Wilson (Trovato), Yousif. Melita: Greedy, McCoy, Daley, Campbell, Thompson, Stoddart, Berry, Farrugia, Gauci, Martinez, McPherson. Goals: 1-0 Gauci (18m), 2-0 Farrugia (25m, pen.), 2-1 Steven (45m, pen.), 3-1 Farrugia (70m), 4-1 Farrugia (73m).

POLONIA v CROATIA 0-0

Polonia: Kalinowski, Harris, Matra, Galos, Zounis, Carlowski, Lemanczyk, Wisniewski (Noble), Sobczyk, Budini, Jirsa (Novak). Croatia: Watson, A. Kovacic, Stier, M. Kovacic, Dobson, Vidacic, Parker, Chelnowski, Montgomerie, Coleman, Hensman, Barker, Juchniewicz, Pagano, M. Silva.

Referee: B. Wilkinson; Crowd: 2,500.

CANTERBURY v BANKSTOWN 3-1(1-1)

Canterbury: Brown, Stoddart, Campbell, Berry, Farrugia, Gauci, Martinez, McPherson. Bankstown: Gilligan, Doyle, Kramer, Reilly, K. Falconer, Jack, P. Falconer, Reagan, Fox, Palamara (Emery), Sutherland: Haynes, Hesford, Cashman, Groomer (Cooper), Dal Forno, Watkins, Murphy, Meades, T. Bush, P. Bush, Rogers.

Goals: 1-0 Brown (12m), 2-0 Stoddart (25m), 3-0 Brown (41m), 3-1 Brown (88m), 4-1 Brown (88m). Referee: A. Boskovic; Crowd: 961.

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AMPOL CUP

Wednesday's Ampol Cup final between Polonia and Sutherland at Barton Park may not be a promoter's dream.

Neither team has a particularly large following which could have created a true Cup atmosphere.

But the match itself could be a very lively and entertaining affair.

Polonia — what an achievement to make the final on their re-entry in-

to the State League — have the classy, experienced players to set the terms for the game.

Sutherland, on the other hand, are a buzzing, exciting team most effective in counter-attacks.

The younger and probably fitter Sutherland should start mild favorites — but even a Polonia success wouldn't come as a shock.



NSW TABLES

NSW COCA-COLA BOTTLERS LEAGUE

GRADE 1

W	D	L	F	A	P
St. George	8	—	40	4	16
Melita	7	—	1	20	6
Croatia	6	1	—	14	4
Riverwood	4	1	3	12	14
Sutherland	3	2	2	6	5
Monaro	3	2	3	12	15
Polonia	3	2	3	6	14
Avala	3	1	4	12	15
Canterbury	3	1	4	14	17
Auburn	3	—	5	5	13
Bankstown	2	—	6	10	16
Manly	2	—	6	8	18
N. Sydney	1	—	8	8	16
P. Maitland	1	—	6	5	22

GRADE 2

St. George	8	—	32	2	18
Croatia	8	—	1	18	7
Canterbury	5	1	2	18	7
Melita	5	1	2	18	9
Riverwood	4	2	2	16	8
Sutherland	3	2	2	12	8
N. Sydney	3	2	2	10	13
Bankstown	2	2	3	9	10
Manly	2	1	5	9	6
Polonia	2	1	5	5	13
Auburn	1	2	4	2	15
P. Maitland	1	2	4	4	19
Avala	1	1	8	5	18
Monaro	1	1	6	7	22

GRADE 3

Melita	5	2	1	24	13
Auburn	5	—	1	19	2
Manly	5	—	1	17	7
Riverwood	4	1	2	17	10
Sutherland	4	1	1	10	8
Bankstown	3	2	2	15	11
Polonia	3	1	3	12	10
St. George	3	—	4	12	9
Canterbury	2	2	3	11	15
Croatia	2	2	3	13	22
Avala	1	1	5	6	19
P. Maitland	1	—	6	4	22
N. Sydney	—	—	6	3	16

DIVISION 1

W	D	L	F	A	P
Wool. Utd.	5	1	1	19	8
Fry. Mdw.	5	1	1	17	6
Kuringai	5	1	2	8	5
Black'n	4	1	2	11	5
Yugal	4	1	2	14	11
Bathurst	3	2	3	12	14
Warragah	2	3	3	13	13
Uni NSW	3	1	3	10	7
Guildford	2	3	7	6	7
Penrith	2	3	3	7	10
Gladesville	1	2	4	7	11
N. Bankst.	2	—	5	5	12
Belmore	—	4	3	4	17
Revesby	1	1	5	7	18

GRADE 2

Kuringai	6	2	—	17	4
Fry. Mdw.	5	1	1	21	6
Black'n	5	—	2	13	8
Gladesville	4	2	1	9	4
Wool. Utd.	5	—	3	16	10
Yugal	3	2	2	9	5
Revesby	4	—	3	10	8
Guildford	3	2	2	9	8
Belmore	3	1	3	8	7
Penrith	3	1	4	8	11
N. Bankst.	2	2	3	8	14
Warragah	—	3	5	5	11
Uni NSW	1	—	7	6	22
Bathurst	—	—	8	3	27

GRADE 3

Kuringai	6	—	25	8	16
Fry. Mdw.	6	—	1	18	5
Black'n	5	1	1	17	9
Gladesville	4	2	1	9	4
Wool. Utd.	5	—	3	17	10
Yugal	4	1	2	17	13
Revesby	4	—	3	24	10
Penrith	2	3	2	7	10
N. Bankst.	2	2	3	6	8
Bathurst	2	—	6	12	13
Uni NSW	—	3	4	23	3
Warragah	1	1	5	6	28
Yugal	1	—	6	12	24
Black'n	—	1	8	5	20

DIVISION 2

W	D	L	F	A	P
Marrickville	2	1	—	7	2
Dee Why	2	—	4	1	4
Nth. Ryde	2	—	1	5	2
Liverpool	1	1	—	4	3
Baulk. Hills	1	1	—	3	2
Bonnyrigg	1	1	—	4	5
C'town City	1	—	3	2	2
Mt. Druitt	1	—	1	1	2
Lane Cove	—	1	2	3	1
Riverstone	—	1	1	4	1
Queens P.	—	2	2	5	—
Gladesville	—	—	3	1	7

GRADE 2

Nth. Ryde	1	2	—	9	5
Bonnyrigg	2	—	1	5	2
C'town City	2	—	4	1	4
Marrickville	2	—	1	4	4
Liverpool	1	1	—	2	—
Mt. Druitt	1	—	1	4	2
Dee Why	1	—	1	4	2
Baulk. Hills	1	—	1	2	3
Riverstone	—	1	1	4	5
Queens P.	—	1	1	—	3
Gladesville	—	1	2	2	7
Lane Cove	—	—	2	—	5

DIVISION 3

W	D	L	F	A	P
Marrickville	3	—	6	—	6
C'town City	2	—	13	1	4
Gladesville	2	—	1	11	3
Liverpool	1	—	9	3	4
Queens P.	1	—	1	8	6
Baulk. Hills	1	—	1	3	2
Mt. Druitt	1	—	1	2	3
Nth. Ryde	1	—	2	4	8
Bonnyrigg	1	—	2	4	15
Lane Cove	—	2	—	4	—
Riverstone	—	2	—	6	—
Dee Why	—	2	—	2	10

GRADE 3

Marrickville	3	—	6	—	6
C'town City	2	—	13	1	4
Gladesville	2	—	1	11	3
Liverpool	1	—	9	3	4
Queens P.	1	—	1	8	6
Baulk. Hills	1	—	1	3	2
Mt. Druitt	1	—	1	2	3
Nth. Ryde	1	—	2	4	8
Bonnyrigg	1	—	2	4	15
Lane Cove	—	2	—	4	—
Riverstone	—	2	—	6	—
Dee Why	—	2	—	2	10

DIVISION 3

W	D	L	F	A	P
Artarmon	2	—	11	—	4
Padstow	2	—	8	—	2
Kingsford	1	1	—	8	2
Hurstville	1	1	—	5	2
Wentley	1	1	—	3	2
Fairfield	1	1	—	3	2
East. Crl.	1	—	1	3	2
Bondi	1	—	1	5	7
W. Ryde	1	—	2	5	8
Paddington	—	1	2	6	1
Syd. Uni	—	2	—	2	—
PL. Hack.	—	2	—	13	—

GRADE 2

Bondi	2	1	—	7	—
Fairfield	2	1	—	6	3
Padstow	2	1	—	3	1
Kingsford	1	2	—	5	2
Wentley	1	2	—	4	2
Paddington	1	1	—	8	5
Artarmon	1	—	1	9	6
East. Crl.	1	—	1	3	3
Hurstville	—	1	1	1	3
Syd. Uni	—	2	2	5	—
W. Ryde	—	3	2	10	—
PL. Hack.	—	2	3	13	—

DIVISION 4

W	D	L	F	A	P
Winst. Hl.	2	1	—	8	2
Concordia	2	—	1	5	2
N. Rocks	2	—	1	6	5
W. St. Geo.	1	1	—	7	2
W. Hol.	1	1	—	7	5
Fairfield W.	1	1	—	5	3
Chelsea	—	2	1	5	7
Revesby	—	2	1	7	2
Canley H.	1	—	2	4	8
Ryde	—	1	2	3	9
Eastwood	—	2	2	8	—
Merouba	—	2	2	8	—

GRADE 2

Winst. Hl.	2	—	1	11	6
Fairfield W.	2	—	1	7	2
Canley H.	2	—	1	5	1
N. Rocks	2	—	1	3	2
Concordia	1	1	—	2	3
Maroubra	1	1	—	2	4
Eastwood	1	—	2	5	4
W. St. Geo.	1	—	1	4	2
W. Hol.	1	—	1	2	2
Chelsea	1	—	2	5	11
Ryde	—	1	2	2	6
Revesby	—	1	2	1	5

DIVISION 5

W	D	L	F	A	P
Haberfeld	2	—	1	5	2
Pagewood	2	—	1	6	3
Maccabi	1	2	—	5	4
Moorebank	1	2	—	4	3
Glenqu.	1	1	—	4	3
Macq. Uni	1	1	—	6	3
Chullora	1	—	2	2	2
Green Val.	1	—	1	2	2
Auburn J.	1	—	1	2	1
Camden	—	1	3	5	1
Hawkesb.	—	1	2	3	5
Edensor P.	—	1	1	1	3

GRADE 2

Moorebank	3	—	—	5	2
Glenqu.	2	—	—	8	2
Auburn J.	1	1	—	3	—
Green Val.	1	1	—	4	2
Camden	1	—	1	4	2
Edensor P.	1	—	1	2	2
Haberfeld	1	—	2	2	4
Macq. Uni	1	—	2	4	2
Maccabi	1	—	2	4	2
Hawkesb.	1	—	2	2	7
Chullora	—	1	1	—	1
Pagewood	—	1	2	3	5

DIVISION 6

W	D	L	F	A	P
Liverpool	3	—	—	13	6
T. Dinas	2	1	—	10	2
Black. W.	2	—	1	10	4
S. Syd. Dist.	2	—	1	4	6
Robins	1	1	—	5	3
Liverpool R.	1	1	—	4	3
Bankst. Sp.	1	—	1	4	5
Colo Colo	—	1	3	4	2
Hellas Sp.	—	1	2	3	1
Black. Wk.	—	1	2	3	6
Liverpool U.	—	2	4	9	—
Rang. Had.	—	2	—	12	—

GRADE 2

T. Dinas	2	1	—	5	3
Liverpool	2	—	1	7	4
S. Syd. Dist.	2	—	1	6	4
Black. W.	2	—	1	4	6
Colo Colo	1	1	—	3	3
Black. Wn	1	1	—	1	9
Robins	1	—	1	4	3
Bankst. Sp.	1	—	1	4	2
Rang. Had.	—	2	—	5	2
Liverpool U.	—	1	1	3	5
Hellas Sp.	—	2	1	6	—
Liverpool R.	—	3	3	10	—

Attila Abonyi, capped some 60 times for Australia and still only 34, made a magnificent comeback for Liverpool City (6th Div.) against neighbours Liverpool Utd., scoring two brilliant goals in his team's 6-3 win: one a banana-freekick and the other one a solo effort beating three defenders and skirting the goalie. The other goals were by Steve Kelly, Peter Tunstall, Derek Webster and an own goal — after City were 0-2 down in the first 15 minutes. Abonyi will play again on the weekend when City meets another title candidate, Transambros.

Baulkham Hills (2nd div.) registered six points by winning all three grades against Mt. Druitt Town. Although the score was only 1-0 in first grade, the result was never really in doubt, as the home side had control for most of the game. Sean McElduff scored from a penalty early in the second half. Hills' defence, with Scott Gribben, Drew Kendal, Bill Wright and John Gough, functioned very well and quickly nullified any attack from the opposition.

Campbelltown City (2nd div.) after a fairly even first half, were first to score in their 3-1 win over Bonnyrigg Eagles. When Ray Carney picked up the ball in his own half and scored with a shot from 30 metres. Bonnyrigg equalised before halftime from a direct freekick. The second half saw City scoring two goals in the first 15 minutes. Firstly, two minutes after the interval when Tom Stein sent the ball through for Peter O'Halloran to hit the crossbar and Carney scoring again, from the rebound. The second was a good individual goal from Tom Stein to make it 3-1 for Campbelltown. The Eagles came back late in the game but were unable to capitalise on chances created.

Blacktown Wanderers (6th div.) were hosts to Rangers Hajduk last Sunday retaining three of a possible four points on the day. First grade saw Wanderers applying pressure, though missing several early scoring chances, then forcing an own goal in the 10th minute. Wanderers' Ray Zarb was substituted by Carlos Gierke who went on to score in the 30th minute for a 2-0 halftime score. The second half saw Blacktown score a further four goals, the scorers being Chris Brunner, George Gabral, John Micallef and a penalty from Mick Elisc.

North Ryde (2nd div.) were in early trouble against River

LETTERS



WEF

He's the Referee and got his name because he can't pronounce his r's. He claims he's the best kangaroo weferwee in Austwaha. He's older and wiser and although very strict, is also very fair. Wef nearly always loses his whistle during a game because he gets so excited he swallows it.

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I am surprised and not a little disappointed at the reaction, or lack of it, to the reference in your column "From the Press box", about imports and the shabby treatment talented Australian Youth is still receiving, epitomised this time, by the exodus of young Australian players from Canberra City.

Nobody in his right mind would deny the enormous benefit derived from contact with players of the calibre of Graeme Souness of Liverpool, Justin Fashanu of Norwich, and others of the same class.

What irks me is the ordinary, run of the mill import who does not make a significant contribution to our soccer except to prevent our budding youngsters from breaking into the 'big time'.

Over the last 20 years I have watched with delight youngsters reaching the top at junior level, only to see them drop out of soccer altogether, or languish in the lower grades because leading clubs spent their money on imports rather than develop the local talent available to them.

This malaise is not a South Australian monopoly, either. It happens elsewhere, too, I believe.

Of the 25 players selected to the initial National High Schools squad in 1975 only Duncan Cummings, Chris Kalafatis, Zoran Ilioski and Joe Senkalski play PSL soccer.

Where are the others? Were they all 'discovered'? An 85 per cent 'leakage' at this level is rather high.

On the credit side there is Laumets who missed out on selection, but made the grade nevertheless.

In addition, as coach of the SA team at the 1979 U-19 National Championships held in Melbourne, I was privileged to see a wealth of talent about particularly in the Victorian and NSW sides.

Of the Victorians, we have seen, at PSL level, Christopoulos, Blair, Belic, Scarlett and Yankos; to my knowledge, the last three only having made a few appearances.

Where are the others? The likes of P. Drinolski, Crino, Nicolaidis, etc.?

One Victorian player impressed me in particular, Michael Loh. He had skills, speed, strength and knew how to put the ball in the back of the net. Has he been snapped up yet?

The same applies to NSW. In addition to the already established players like Hunter, Kay, etc., there were some brilliant youngsters who impressed: D. Skeen, G. Lee, B. Hood, R. Drews, A. Kovacic, etc. I don't remember many of these boys' names appearing in PSL lineups.

Unless or until our talented youth is recognised and given the chance it deserves, we will not become a soccer nation in our own right, nor will we develop our own distinctive style suited to our conditions and the great variety of cultural backgrounds and diverse traditions that our youngsters come from.

What is the real standard of our top soccer at the moment, when players from overseas amateur competitions can make the grade in the PSL?

S. Deheleanu
Morpheh Vale, SA.

Referring to the column "From the Press Box", I wish to express my opinion on the subject of ethnic clubs.

I am an APIA supporter, not Leichhardt and to me it doesn't matter one iota if the ASF forces the clubs to change their names to suit the minority.

Let me stress the point, it is a minority.

They can have their Koalas, goanas and platypus emblems.

Strikers, Slickers, warriors or gorillas?

APIA is still in my heart. It has been that way since my childhood and I am sure that other "ethnic" clubs' supporters feel the same.

I and other true supporters have supplied the bread and butter for the clubs to survive not the present day hangers-on.

The ASF officials should go to an APIA home or away game so that they can experience at first hand the rejection of their name changing policy.

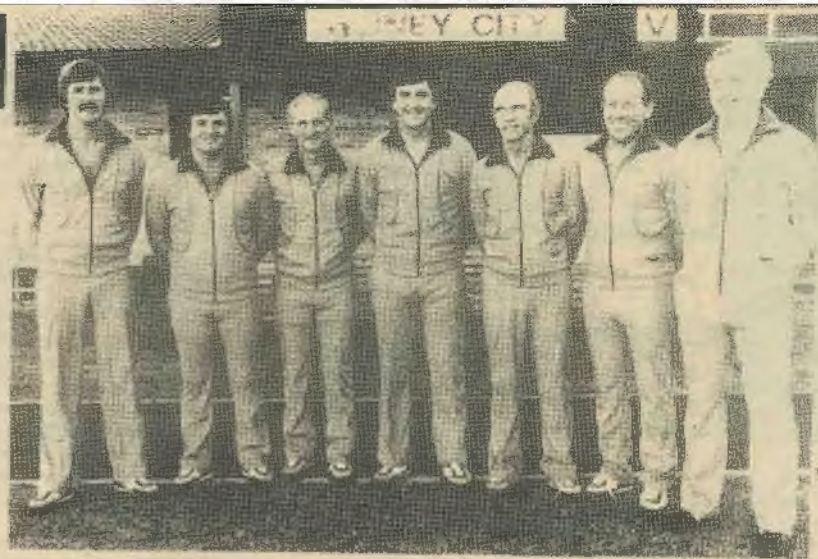
I don't hear the crowds chant Leichhardt, but I hear loud and clear APIA.

As far as I am concerned the Americanisation of soccer in Australia is a failure.

The officials must realise that the American dream in USA soccer is fast becoming an American nightmare.

I'm all for soccer in Australia to reach the top, we have the people who can make this great game reach that goal but the ASF with their futuristic marketing is neglecting the majority of supporters who were born with soccer in their blood.

Sam Tizzone
Earlwood, NSW



The Sydney City coaching staff, from left: Roger Musgrove, Geoff Harcombe, Jim McGolley, Eddie Thomson, Bill Fenney, Leo Baumgartner, Jim Hughes.



"I guess you can't write down your name, either."

Scottish squad

Liverpool players Kenny Dalglish, Graeme Souness and Alan Hansen, all missing from Scotland's last World Cup qualifying match through injury, are back in the squad of 22 for the match against Israel at Hampden Park on April 28.

Also back in favour is Celtic winger Davie Provan. He and Hansen come in as direct replacements for Allan Evans (Aston Villa) and Alan Brazil (Ipswich) who were both placed on the list of stand-bys for last month's game against Northern Ireland.

The squad: Rough, Thomson, Leighton, McGrain, Dawson, Stewart, F. Gray, Burns, McLish, Miller, Hansen, Narey, Gemmill, Hartford, Souness, Wark, Provan, Dalglish, A. Gray, Jordan, Archibald and Robertson.

Marseille S.O.S.

A group of Marseille industrialists are waiting in the wings for the opportunity of taking over Olympique Marseille club which was liquidated by a court with massive debts a few weeks ago.

They are among a number of people who believe that the club, one of France's oldest and most prestigious, still has a future despite its fall from the heights of the first division to its second division decline and falling gates of recent times.

But they have to wait for the return of Jean Sadoul, the Professional Football Clubs' president who said last week: "If a professional football club isn't viable at Marseille then it isn't viable anywhere."

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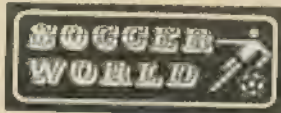
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FROM THE PRESS BOX

If our national coach Rudi Gutendorf and some of our club coaches had their way, the 1981 PSL season would end somewhere between January and March 1982.

Meanwhile, notwithstanding ASF president Sir Arthur George's imperial denial in a recent TV interview, the ASF would go broke unless he himself would decide to dig deep in his pockets, a far from certain prospect at this stage.

The truth is that soccer appears to interfere with our domestic affairs.

Rudi Gutendorf, perhaps understandably, has a blinkered view of Australian soccer: for him reaching Spain is the only measurable target, damn the consequences.

The coaches of the 'major clubs,' on the other hand, want to hang on to their jobs, come what may, and look at club interests only.

So the tug-of-war continues.

Gutendorf, vaguely referring to 'national interests' wants the entire structure of Australian soccer to be programmed to suit his timetables.

The clubs, if they are reluctant to toe the line, are branded selfish, shortsighted and—god forbid—unpatriotic.

Meanwhile, club coaches accuse Gutendorf of all sorts of crimes, such as squeezing their star players dry in the training camps.

However, Gutendorf and the club coaches do agree on one point, even if their motives are different: they want complete PSL rounds postponed not just when the national team plays but also the week before.

• EIGHT POSSIBLE

Where would that lead us?

Suppose—just suppose, for a maddening moment—that all the coaches get their way, this is what can happen to our schedules in 1981.

May 16: Australia v New Zealand, in Sydney.

Demand (jointly by Gutendorf and the club coaches) to have Round 12 (May 10) and Round 13 (May 17) called off. That's two.

May 20: Australia v Indonesia. May 17 round is already under attack. Still only two.

July 26: Fiji v Australia. Demand to cancel Round 22 (July 19) because of likely training camp, injuries, players' mental fatigue, etc and, of course, Round 23, July 26. That's four rounds now.

August 14: Australia v Fiji. Rounds 25 and 26 (August 9 and 16) under similar threat, same reasons. That's six rounds now.

August 25: Taiwan v Australia and—
August 30: Indonesia v Australia.
Opportunities unlimited for cancellations. How about Round 27 (August 23) and Round 28 (August 30)? As a bare minimum, of course.

That makes it eight rounds that could be postponed, cancelled or somehow mutilated, if the philosophies of Gutendorf and some of our coaches were accepted.

Then there is one more game, Australia v Taiwan, without a scheduled date, some time in August or September. Another disruption.

• MANY COMPLAINTS

When would the PSL finish?

The last round (30) is set down for September 13, with only the Philips Cup final to follow.

But wait: what if Australia wins the Oceania group and has to play home and away matches against Saudi Arabia, China and either Kuwait or South Korea, in the September–November period?

Where do you stick in those postponed rounds, maybe five, maybe more?

Gutendorf says that's not his problem. As for the club coaches, they shrug their shoulder and look away into the distance.

When pressed, they say 'how about midweek?'

But midweek will bring another outcry—from the club presidents.

'We are going broke and now the PSL wants us to play on Wednesday night when all our fans work,' they will say.

Even the coaches will wake up, though slightly late as usual.

'We have to play three matches in eight days,' they will scream. 'That's inhuman, with part-time players. No wonder we keep losing...'

• PRICE TO PAY

So what's the solution to all this, if there is one?

To start with, any demand to postpone matches the week before an international should be dismissed; such frivolity is not permitted anywhere in the world.

The West German national team travelled to the Little World Cup in Uruguay last December after a few days in camp; England plays its internationals on Wednesdays and all games on the Saturday before and after, go on in the League.

Of course, players can get injured—that's always a risk. So perhaps we should call off the entire PSL in case players get hurt in April for a July international?

All this is not a new problem, neither an isolated one. All countries go through similar agonies.

That's the price you pay for taking part in international competitions: a congested calendar, a heavy demand on the top clubs and players.

• ADVANCE PLANNING

But there is still a big difference. Others, such as England or Germany, plan months ahead. We don't. Invariably, year after year, especially during World Cup campaigns, we are confronted with last minute demands for schedule changes.

It wouldn't matter too much, really, whether the PSL called off three rounds or even eight—as long as it was done well in advance, after the most painstaking study of the year's program and in consultation with the clubs and Gutendorf.

But it isn't done that way. We do things in the last minute as if nobody had a current calendar.

• MANAGER NEEDED

All this brings up a pertinent question: why doesn't the ASF appoint a knowledgeable man to act as the national team's manager-secretary? Rudi Gutendorf is unable or unwilling to carry out all the necessary administrative and organisational chores associated with the national team's campaign, so he needs a man working with him in daily liaison.

Not under him—with him. Not a subaltern but a partner.

Such a man could, in co-operation with the ASF—indeed, under their overall control—plan ahead, lay down schedules, make advance arrangements, study the PSL programs and, above all, co-exist with the clubs.

His chores would be manifold. If Australia did have a competent manager, we would not have had the spectacle of the recent naturalisation circus and the tug-of-war over possible postponements.

• THINKING AHEAD

A good manager would have arranged frequent meetings between Gutendorf and the club coaches—something that takes place only very rarely—in order to synchronise the various interests.

He would have arranged for some reliable observers to have a close look at the Hong Kong, Kuwait and Saudi Arabia World Cup tourneys—not just one, selected at random.

He would have compiled the most detailed dossier on all possible or likely national players.

This manager would never travel with the team—but two or three days ahead of it.

Our Soccerroos are traditionally 'shocked' on arrival in any foreign port that the hotel, transport and training facilities are inadequate. A good advance man could eliminate these shocks.

He would, by now, have a fair knowledge of hotel and training possibilities not just in Jakarta, Taipei and Fiji but even Spain—just in case we make it there.

If we don't, too bad. But if we do, will it be again the usual last minute indecision, panic and complaints?

• ACCUSATIONS

Gutendorf accuses Bianco, Wallace accuses Gutendorf, Docherty accuses Wallace, Labbozzetta accuses the PSL, Arthur George accuses the press and so it goes on and on, year after tedious year.

What none of them want to realise is that it's the system that needs revamping, not necessarily the people.

— Andrew Dettre

OUR CUP RECORD

ALL OF RUDI'S MEN

These are the players Rudi Gutendorf has tried out since his arrival at the end of 1978.

The numbers after the names indicate how many matches they have played—official or friendly.

Of the players who toured in November—December, Prskalo, Bertogna, Selemidis, Hogg, Paton and Spanos have been mothballed.

On the other hand, Gutendorf has added four new names to his squad: Niven, Glam-paolo, Rogers and Katholos.

Maher 8
Perry 15
S. O'Connor 3
Henderson 19
Degney 4
J. O'Shea 2
Barnes 12
Picloane 2
Souness 2
Sharpe 19
P. O'Connor 3
Jankovics 19
Silva 1
Boden 17
Woodhouse 13
Curran 1
Wilson 2
Muniz 2
Byrne 3
Kosmina 2
Watson 2
Krnecvic 18
Baxter 1
Tansey 13
Bertogna 6
Yzendoorn 15
J. Davies
Cole 7
Cumming 4
Prskalo 17
Stevenson 1
Mullen 1
B. Russell 1
Rooney 8
J. Nyskohus 4
Chistopoulos 3
J. Campbell 2
D. Jones 1
Davidson 10
Coyne 2
Banovic 2
Muir 6
Selemidis 11
Boztkas 1
Crook 1
Senkalski 1
Hogg 4
Paton 3
Spanos 2

Australia's record in away matches of the World Cup is rather poor.

Since 1965, we have managed to win only two: against South Korea in 1969 and against Hong Kong in 1977.

We played twice in Auckland against New Zealand—and both results were 1-1.

Will it be third time lucky?

These have been our World Cup results:

AUSTRALIA'S WORLD CUP ELIMINATION RESULTS

1965:
v North Korea 1-6 (Phnom-Penh)
v North Korea 1-3 (Phnom-Penh)

1969:
v Japan 3-1 (Seoul)
v South Korea 2-1 (Seoul)
v Japan 1-1 (Seoul)
v South Korea 1-1 (Seoul)
v Rhodesia 0-0 (Laurence Marques)
v Rhodesia 1-1 (Laurence Marques)
v Rhodesia 3-1 (Laurence Marques)
v Israel 0-1 (Tel Aviv)
v Israel 1-1 (Sydney)

1973:
v Iraq 3-1 (Sydney)
v New Zealand 1-1 (Auckland)
v Indonesia 2-1 (Sydney)
v Iraq 0-0 (Melbourne)
v New Zealand 3-3 (Sydney)
v Indonesia 6-0 (Sydney)
v Iran 3-0 (Sydney)
v Iran 0-2 (Tehran)
v South Korea 0-0 (Sydney)
v South Korea 2-2 (Seoul)
v South Korea 1-0 (Hong Kong)

1977:
v Taiwan 3-0 (Fiji)
v Taiwan 2-1 (Fiji)
v New Zealand 3-1 (Sydney)
v New Zealand 1-1 (Auckland)
v Hong Kong 3-0 (Adelaide)
v Iran 0-1 (Melbourne)
v South Korea 2-1 (Sydney)
v Kuwait 1-2 (Sydney)
v South Korea 0-0 (Seoul)
v Hong Kong 5-2 (Hong Kong)
v Kuwait 0-1 (Kuwait)
v Iran 0-1 (Tehran)

In World Cup finals, 1954:

v East Germany 0-2 (Hamburg)
v West Germany 0-3 (Hamburg)
v Chile 0-0 (Berlin)

	Win	Draw	Loss
Home	7	4	2
Away	2	5	4
Neutral	5	3	2
Total	14	12	8

(1974 Finals not included)

Total number of games: 22
Total number of players: 49
Total of appearances: 308
Average per match: 14 players.

BALANCE WITH KIWIS HEALTHY

Australia's "trade balance" is quite healthy with New Zealand over the years: 19 wins, 5 draws and 6 defeats.

These have been the results of the two countries since 1922:

Australia won: 19
Australia drew: 5
Australia lost: 6

In Auckland:
Australia won: 3
Australia drew: 3
Australia lost: 2



1922 New Zealand v Australia 3-1 (Dunedin)
1922 New Zealand v Australia 1-1 (Wellington)
1922 New Zealand v Australia 3-1 (Auckland)
1923 Australia v New Zealand 2-1 (Brisbane)
1923 Australia v New Zealand 2-3 (Newcastle)
1923 Australia v New Zealand 1-4 (Sydney)
1933 Australia v New Zealand 4-2 (Brisbane)
1933 Australia v New Zealand 6-4 (Sydney)
1933 Australia v New Zealand 4-2 (Sydney)
1936 New Zealand v Australia 1-7 (Dunedin)
1936 New Zealand v Australia 0-10 (Wellington)
1936 New Zealand v Australia 1-4 (Auckland)
1948 New Zealand v Australia 0-6 (Wellington)
1948 New Zealand v Australia 0-7 (Christchurch)
1948 New Zealand v Australia 0-4 (Wellington)
1948 New Zealand v Australia 1-8 (Auckland)
1954 Australia v New Zealand 1-2 (Melbourne)
1954 Australia v New Zealand 4-1 (Brisbane)
1954 Australia v New Zealand 4-1 (Sydney)
1958 New Zealand v Australia 2-3 (Wellington)
1958 New Zealand v Australia 2-2 (Auckland)
1967 Australia v New Zealand 5-3 (Saigon)
1972 Australia v New Zealand 3-1 (Jakarta)
1973 Australia v New Zealand 1-1 (Auckland)
1973 Australia v New Zealand 3-3 (Sydney)
1976 New Zealand v Australia 0-1 (Auckland)
1976 Australia v New Zealand 3-1 (Melbourne)
1977 Australia v New Zealand 3-1 (Sydney)
1977 New Zealand v Australia 1-1 (Auckland)
1979 New Zealand v Australia 1-0 (Auckland)

* World Cup games

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It's better to fly with friends.

